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To: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor  
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From: Patricia Curry, Chair  
Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families

**RE: TITLE IV-E WAIVER BUDGET AND AFTERCARE SERVICES**

We are aware that your Honorable Board and Children's Deputies are in the process of reviewing the Title IV-E Waiver (IV-E Waiver) budget with the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation. We are requesting that your Board consider that funding be included for aftercare services for children and families in that budget.

At our last Commission meeting held November 21, 2011, DCFS presented their strategies for the IV-E Waiver budget, as well as a presentation on "Reunification." DCFS discussed small-scale studies that showed many children were reabused by families within six months after reunification. The data presented by DCFS also indicated L.A. County re-entry into foster care in September 2010 (the most current figures provided by DCFS) being as high as 12%. The national average is 9%.

While the strategies for the IV-E Waiver presented to the Commission showed "post-permanency support" as a strategy, there were no specifics on: 1) the funding being allocated to this strategy; 2) what aftercare programs and services would be provided; and 3) who would provide these aftercare services. Aftercare services are necessary for children in order to provide them not only a permanent home, but also a **safe** and permanent home. Likewise, it is equally important that aftercare services be provided for Probation youth to ensure their safety and also to encourage positive behavior through appropriate support services that will prevent their re-entry into the Juvenile Camps and Halls.

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Therefore, we strongly encourage that funding, programs, and services for aftercare for children and families be a part of the IV-E Waiver strategy, and that appropriate funding be allocated for programs and services to prevent further abuse and neglect of children, reduce re-entry into foster care, and keep families together with **safe** outcomes for children.

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